

Rhinebeck CAC Annual Report 2007 (Activities and Accomplishments)

- *Advised the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board on applications coming before them; made site visits with them.
- *Set up booth at Dutch Reformed Church Environmental Fair open to public for Earth Day.
- * Completed Biodiversity Report and Maps presented to the Town Board in September and accepted. Maps were included in Open Space and Affordable Housing forums. Biodiversity Maps have been mounted for preservation and for easier viewing.
- *Hudsonia gave Rhinebeck CAC Planning and Zoning Boards a workshop on the use of an abbreviated Guide they designed as a tool to review applications.
- *CAC members participated in several Conferences and Workshops offered by CCDEC, Hudsonia; DEC Estuary Program; DEC Releaf:
The topics covered were:
 - Climate Change in the Hudson Valley
 - Climate Change as it impacts Farming
 - Farmland Protection
 - Urban and Community Forestry
 - Stormwater Management
 - Use of GIS mapping
 - Importance of Wetlands and Vernal Pools
- *Three CAC member met several times with the Rhinebeck School Superintendent, HS and MS principals, the Curriculum Advisor; Science and Environmental Club advisors, Community Service Coordinator, School Board members, and the Food Service Manager . We discussed many ways in which the CAC could help the school system: its staff, students, and parents, become more environmentally conscious and responsible.
- *Encouraged passage of a No Idling Ordinance for the Rhinebeck School District
- *Completed a draft Tree Ordinance for the Village and Town to review.
- *Helped the Village to get a Tree Survey completed for all the Street and Park trees.
- *Advised the Town Highway Dept. on Tree takedowns.

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- *Received a brief training from the Department of NY State on the significance and administration of our LWRP which has just been approved by the Federal Government
- *Began work on a Natural Resource Inventory for the Town of Rhinebeck. This inventory will contain the most recent data collected on wetlands, aquifers, surface water, agricultural soils, the septic carrying capacity of our soils, the recently completed Biodiversity report by Hudsonia and climate for Rhinebeck. The information will be displayed on digital maps which can be used as layers when parcels are reviewed for development or conservation easement.
- *Purchased water testing kits for retesting streams in Rhinebeck to be begun in 2008.
- *Appointed a new CAC member to become a full board.

